

John A. Curtis to the People:

Because many younger voters do not know past political history, and older voters in the passing of years and the contentions around election time forget, I take the liberty of asking the attention of the people of Richmond to my record so far as it touches them or they are concerned in it.

Before there was any thought of politics or of political considerations, I served my State and the Capital of the Confederacy as a sailor of the Confederate navy and a soldier of the army. I ask no reward for this service and do not claim any special merit for it; but I mention it merely to show that when service was needed I was ready to give it.

Five times I have represented Richmond City in the Legislature. Ten times I have sat in her City Council. I have felt always that it was an honor and pleasure to serve the city with conscientious care and with all the ability and energy given me. With modest pride I feel that I can say that I have not failed, that I have done good and honest service and that my record is clear. My first active political work was in the Reconstruction days, when for a white Democrat there was much to do, something to dare and little or nothing to get. Ever since I have been a zealous laborer for what I believed to be the best interests of party and people, and have never scratched a Democratic ballot.

I am becoming an old man. I think I am capable of work as good as I ever did. I would like to round out my life with assurance of the continued confidence and good will of my fellow-citizens.

Therefore I respectfully ask all Democratic voters to remember me, especially on the day of the primary, next Thursday, September 7, and see that my name is on their ballots; and refuse to trade me for anybody.

For Virginia and Richmond.

JOHN A. CURTIS.

BELIEVE NORFOLK FUSION IS DOOMED

Report Is Expected Looking to New Deal in Political Affairs There.

From all accounts which reach here, it would appear that fusionism in a bad way in Norfolk county, and that a report is likely to be adopted by the subcommittee of the State Democratic Committee, which is investigating the June primary, recommending drastic measures for the extinction of the alliance which is said to have existed for years between Democrats and Republicans.

William P. Whitcomb, of Amherst, a member of the subcommittee, spent yesterday in Richmond on his way to his home. He will not return until after the primary. The other investigators will hear evidence until tomorrow night, and then adjourn until next Friday. Mr. Whitcomb declined to discuss the case in any way, occupying, as he does, the position of a judge.

It will be recalled that it was Mr. Whithead who demanded and secured a change from the Norfolk newspaper for publishing a rumor to the effect that he was keeping Senator Martin informed of the progress of the investigation. He was on a boat en route to Richmond when he read the article, and returned to Norfolk at once to get the correction.

The Fusionists have recently been making efforts to secure the retirement of Chairman William M. McAllister, of Bath, from the subcommittee. Mr. McAllister, at the hearing, announced that he was convinced of the existence of fusion, and that it was unnecessary to present any further evidence. This was before the contest had had an opportunity to submit any evidence, and they asked for the withdrawal of Mr. McAllister on the ground that he had formed an opinion before hearing the defense. He declined to leave.

Straitlaced Claim. Much evidence has been introduced to show that "entering illegal votes" is a "habit" by Straightlaceds and Fusionists in recent primary for county officers. But it is contended by the Straightlaceds, who are the contestants, that even if it should be shown that the Fusionists candidates secured a majority of the qualified voters, and even admitting, as they do, that Sheriff Cromwell and Commonwealth's Attorney Marshall have always voted the Democratic ticket, they still should be denied the certificate of nomination if it can be shown that they connived at fusion with Republicans. Mr. Whitcomb, who is Mr. Martin to retain his position.

There are those who believe that upon this point the issue of the hearing will rest.

LETTER CARRIER ARRESTED

Refused to Move Sent in Street Car When Ordered by Conductor.

Edward Lewis, a colored letter-carrier, was arrested last night by the crew of car No. 257, Clay Street Division of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which is alleged, he refused to move his seat when ordered to do so. He was taken to the Second Police Station and held for his appearance this morning in the Police Court.

Five negroes, alleged gamblers, were arrested by Officers Latham and Pilbow and taken to the Second Station from 1212 Williams Street, which was raided. The owner of the place, said to be Edward McClure, colored, was later arrested.

Upon complaint of his wife, James C. Greedy was taken to the Second Station. R. J. Atkins and Sidney Prohibition, both arrested on warrants issued by their wives, charging assault were taken to the First Station.

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VOTERS NEGLECT PUBLIC INTEREST

Minister Says Misrule Is Result of Carelessness of Citizens.

"I know Christian men in this city who would vote for Beelzebub if he were running on the party ticket," declared Rev. Frank Wells at the Broad Street Methodist Church, last night in the course of a sermon on the subject, "Christianity and Politics; or, How Should a Christian Vote?" He made a strong plea for intelligent and conscientious participation by the Christian men of the community in the duties of citizenship.

Too many men, thinks the pastor, make the mistake of regarding their religion as a thing apart from the interests of practical everyday life. "They have bottled and labeled it 'for use on Sunday' and practically ignore it the rest of the week. It is left in a convenient corner of the pew when the services are over; it languishes between the covers of the family Bible; it is left to repose in the hymn book, and is but seldom put into practice on other days than the one especially set apart for its use."

Citizens Indifferent. Selfish absorption in one's personal business to the exclusion of matters which affect the public welfare, and indifference to careless and corrupt administration of affairs by public officials, in Mr. Wells' opinion, are the chief evils in modern life. "What right," he asks, "has the Christian citizen to cry out against corruption in politics and malpractice in office, when by his very aloofness and indifference he makes these evils possible?"

"In every election of importance, from biblical times down to the present day," declared Mr. Wells, "unworthy men as well as worthy have put forth their claim to office. Wherever interest in public affairs lagged and the people were absorbed in personal pursuits, the chances favored the election of the unscrupulous candidate. Only through active and conscientious work at the polls can any community of Christian men expect to put into office men of high character and officials who will prove true to the public trust."

MANY FEATURES ON CARD TO-DAY

Richmond's working army takes its annual fling to-day. All industry is at a standstill, while the multitude that makes the busy wheels go round gives itself up to a day of pleasure and recreation. The playground is the State fair grounds, and there will be something doing every minute of the day from 8:15 A. M. until sundown. Special provisions have been made by the traction company in the way of extra cars to handle the crowd, and a special squad of police has been detailed to the scene for the purpose of insuring the best of order.

The program for the day is a composite one, including features calculated to appeal to persons of all ages. Lovers of the turf will be afforded the spectacle of a number of high-class horse races, while ten motorcycle races will furnish excitement for those who love the sight of the scorching power-wheel and the faint odor of gasoline which it leaves behind. The athletic inclined will be given opportunity to demonstrate their speed on the cinder path and their prowess in wrestling and jumping. Dancing will be free as the air, and will begin at noon, never stopping until the close of the day. Prizes are offered for the most skillful of Terpsichorean devotees, and a general invitation has been issued by the management to all would-be fiddlers. Puncans to try for the six pairs of silk hose which will go to the best dancer.

A sure enough marriage before the grandstand, in which the traditional bride and groom obey her liege lord, is expected to attract thousands. Even the babies are given a place on the program. All babies between the ages of six months and two years, regardless of weight, disposition or previous condition of servitude, will be given a chance at winning two valuable prizes, and mother of eligible youngsters are urged to enter them in the competition.

GOVERNOR DIX DUE HERE TO-MORROW

New York Executive Will Address International Tax Conference.

MANY EXPERTS ARE COMING

Convention Program Includes Discussion of Many Vital Questions.

Tax experts of international fame will address the Fifth International Conference on State and Local Taxation, the opening session of which takes place to-morrow afternoon at the Jefferson Hotel. The complete program, just issued, carries, in addition to the schedule of addresses, much other information of interest to delegates and visitors. Seven sessions are listed, besides a business meeting Friday afternoon, which will officially close the convention. The speakers are for the most part men of wide recognition in the investigation and solution of present day tax problems, and the subjects they will discuss are strictly in keeping with the objects of the association, which, according to section 2 of its constitution, is "to formulate and announce through the deliberately expressed opinion of an annual conference, the best informed economic thought and ripest administrative experience available for the correct guidance of public opinion, legislative and administrative action on all questions pertaining to State and local taxation and to interstate and international comity in taxation."

Governor Dix to Speak. First popular interest among the events of the convention will be the address on Tuesday of Governor John A. Dix of New York on the subject of "State Comity in Taxation." Holding the chief executive office in a State which in recent years has been called upon to face many and complex problems in the field of public taxation, Governor Dix has addressed himself closely to their solution and will bring to the convention the result of a thorough and first-hand study of the subject.

Of wide significance, too, will be the addresses Wednesday of Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations, and Allen Ripley Foote, president of the International Tax Association. Mr. Smith's subject will be "The Methods of Taxing Corporations," a topic which will hold peculiar interest for the attorneys of the large corporations who will be present. The taxing of corporations is a question growing daily in prominence, and its discussion at this meeting is highly opportune. Mr. Ripley will discuss "Railroad Taxation," and, it is stated, will introduce a novel plan of his own devising, which, he claims does away with a number of the anomalies and inconveniences of the system of railroad taxation now in vogue. This address is attracting the attention of the country's big roads, many of which will be represented at the convention through their attorneys.

Scholars to Be Present. The convention will bring to its deliberations several of the best known students of economics in the United States to-day. Most prominent among these, perhaps, is Professor E. R. A. Seligman, of Columbia University, head of the department of political economy and author of standard works on economic subjects. He will discuss "Practical Substitutes for Personal Property Tax." Professor Charles J. Bullock, of Harvard University, will speak on "Local Option in Taxation." An address on "Municipal Business" will be delivered by Oscar Loeber, Judge of Appeal Tax Court, Baltimore.

Two Hundred Expected. Two hundred delegates, it is expected, will attend the convention. Headquarters will be at the Jefferson Hotel, and the sessions, which will take place in the hotel auditorium, will be open to the public. Mayor D. C. Richardson, of Richmond, has been made temporary chairman, and will open the convention with a speech of welcome on behalf of the city. Governor Mann will welcome the delegates to Virginia, after which will follow responses by the visitors. Secretary A. C. Plymell, of the association, arrived in Richmond several days ago and has been engaged in perfecting the plans for the meeting.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO TOURING PARTY

Negro Chauffeur Killed in Automobile Mishap Near Afton.

RICHMOND MEN INJURED

Car Went Over Embankment at Dangerous Spot and Turned Turtle.

Falling to take an abrupt turn on the new macadam road above Afton last night about 8 o'clock, a touring car, containing John T. Howe, general manager of the Avondale Land Company; J. H. Tyler, Jr., and John Tyler, and a negro chauffeur, Charlie Mayo, went over an embankment and turned turtle. Mayo was killed, while others in the party were injured. Mr. Howe was badly out, and sustained a fractured leg, while the Messrs. Tyler had injuries the extent of which could not be learned last night.

The injured men will be brought to Richmond and will arrive here this morning at 7 o'clock. Mr. Howe, who was at that place en route to Staunton, while doctors from Waynesboro also responded to calls for assistance. It was not believed that either of the three men will die.

Automobilists in Richmond say the point at which the accident occurred was a sharp curve, and in order to move around it cars frequently have to stop and back before making it. It is presumed that being unfamiliar with it the chauffeur attempted to take it without slowing down.

That Mr. McNeill Six, was almost completely wrecked, and the car was completely wrecked. The top was ripped off, one wheel pulled away, the steering wheel torn out and the entire machine smashed.

The accident created unusual excitement in Afton. Many guests at the hotel there volunteered assistance. Shortly after the fatality an automobile bearing a party from Norfolk went over the embankment at the same point, but the occupants saved themselves from serious injuries. In all there have been three serious accidents at that point during the past year.

FUTURE JUDAISM WILL BE GROWTH

Delaware Minister Says It Will Combine Best of Old and New.

"Judaism is to-day in a state of transition. On the one side are forces tending to reduce it to the common denominator of the leading Christian faiths which are its neighbors, and on the other side the tendencies which seek to drive it back to the Orientalism and ceremonial of the orthodox faith of our fathers. The new Judaism will be the resultant of these forces and will combine the progressive qualities of the new with all that is abiding, essential and worthy in the old," declared Rabbi M. S. J. Abels, of Wilmington Del., before a representative gathering at the Sir Moses Montefiore Temple, yesterday afternoon, in the course of a lecture dealing with present-day ideals and tendencies in Jewish religious life.

Mr. Abels has charge of a large and influential congregation in Wilmington, and is one of the most eminent of the younger men in the Jewish ministry. He possesses a degree from the College of the City of New York and Columbia University, and is a 1907 graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York City. He was on his way from his annual vacation, and was induced by the local congregation to stay over and deliver a address. He left for his home in Wilmington last evening.

VOTERS WILL HEAR MANY SPEECHES

Candidates and Friends Plan Spirited Finish to Campaign.

TWO MEETINGS TO-NIGHT

Jones and Glass Will Alternately Address Same Audiences.

In the beginning of what might be termed the home stretch of the campaign for the nomination of two Democratic candidates for the United States Senate, the most apparent proposition is that both sides have determined to get out all the votes which much speaking can influence. Millions of words will be poured out upon the air during the next three days, and if eloquence could win campaigns, it would be a toss-up as to who is to be successful.

Richmond is to be the centre to-night of campaign speaking on the side of Representatives W. A. Jones and Carter Glass. Two meetings have been arranged for these candidates in this city, one in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, and the other in Liberty Hall, on Broad Street, near Twenty-fifth. Mr. Jones will begin to speak at the Jefferson at 8:15. At the conclusion of his address he will be taken to Liberty Hall, and upon his arrival Mr. Glass, who will have been occupying the platform, will conclude and will journey to the Jefferson. While the interchange is being made, Charles V. Meredith will speak at the Jefferson. Both orators will hear both speakers in one evening.

Speak at Newport News. While the campaign is in progress Senator Thomas S. Martin and Claude A. Swanson will address an audience at Newport News. This will follow their speeches in the afternoon at Buckroe Beach, which will be non-political under the auspices of a Labor Day committee. The night speeches at Newport News will be on the issues of the campaign.

The schedule of speeches for the week on the part of all candidates, announced from the respective headquarters, is as follows:

Senators—Buckroe Beach, Monday afternoon; Newport News, Monday night; Staunton, Tuesday night; Chatham, Pittsylvania county, Wednesday afternoon; Danville, Wednesday night. Mr. Jones—Richmond, Jefferson auditorium and Liberty Hall, Monday night; Newport News, Tuesday night; Fredericksburg, Wednesday. Senator Swanson—Buckroe Beach, Monday afternoon; Newport News, Monday night; Lynchburg, Tuesday night; Chatham, Wednesday afternoon; Danville, Wednesday night. Mr. Glass—Richmond, Monday night; Pittsylvania county, Tuesday afternoon; Danville, Tuesday night; Lynchburg, Wednesday night. D. Flood—Roanoke, Tuesday night. R. E. Byrd—Emporia, Monday; Lawrenceville, Tuesday. Carlton McCarthy—Charlotte Court-house, Monday; Ashland, Wednesday. Samuel L. Kelley—Franklin, Southampton county, Monday; Dendron, Surrey county, Tuesday night. A. J. Montague—Lawrenceville, Monday. R. Lindsay Gordon—Charlottesville, Monday. T. J. Downing—Charlottesville, Monday. J. Miller Leake—Emporia, Monday. R. E. Lee, Jr.—Gloucester, Monday.

Martin Is Confident. Slightly hoarse, but with his voice in such condition that he thinks he can get through the campaign without mishap, Senator Martin came to Richmond yesterday afternoon. In general terms, he said that in no campaign in his experience has he felt so confident of success and never has he expected so large a majority as in the present contest.

"I was unable to speak on Wednesday," said Senator Martin, "at Keller and Accomac Courthouse, because of the condition of my voice. However, I spoke at Greenbackville, Chincoteague and Parkley on Thursday, the latter being an improvised meeting. The crowds were good, and I was surprised at the amount of the sentiment manifested for me."

"I had splendid audiences at Leesburg and at Arrington. I was told that at the latter place there were 1,500 people on the ground, and that about 800 of these heard me speak." Mr. Jones was expected in the city last night, but up to a late hour had not arrived. Mr. Glass will be here this morning, ready for to-night's meetings.

There will be considerable interest as to the meeting to be held to-day in Charlottesville. Senator Martin's home town, in the interest of Messrs. Jones and Glass. The speakers, as indicated, will be R. Lindsay Gordon, Jr., of Louisa, and T. J. Downing, of Lancaster. The signatures to the Martin paper in Albemarle and Charlottesville are now understood to number more than 2,000, yet it is contended that there is considerable opposition there.

Labor Day at Post-Office Executive Division will be open until 12 noon.

Stamp and general delivery windows will be open from 7:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M. and from 3 P. M. to 7 P. M.

Carriers will make one complete delivery at 9 A. M., closing as near as possible at noon. Collectors will make hotel deliveries at 7 P. M.

Order Division will be open until 12 noon.

Registry Division will be open until 12 noon.

Stations "A" and "B" and Manchester will observe the same hours as the main office to 12 noon. Mails will be dispatched as follows:

"A"—6:45, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 A. M.

"B"—6:00, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 A. M.

Collections will be made at 9 A. M. and 7 P. M.

Carriers will report at the usual hour or as designated by their respective superintendents, and will collect boxes on their routes.

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GARNETT'S MESSAGE SENT POLICE INTO SOME SPASMS

Thought That Machine Which Had Been Stolen Was Machine About Which People Raved. Everybody Happy When It Was Found Again.

When Christopher B. Garnett, manager of the Virginia Democratic League, shot a message over the telephone into the First Police Station yesterday morning about a machine, the desk sergeant pricked up his ears and remembered suddenly that he had heard the word before. But he could not place it at the moment. Then he remembered that the Virginia Democratic League is that wing of the party which is bombarding the "machine," about which so much is heard nowadays.

Very often the telephone service is poor; lines are frequently crossed, and often, too, in the midst of a pleasant conversation there comes a buzzing in the ear. So while the desk sergeant was endeavoring to pick the words from the buzzes he reached out and got something about a machine having been stolen.

Suppose the "machine" about which Christopher B. Garnett writes had been stolen? Suppose—but just then, while the desk sergeant was figuring on the case, the buzzing ceased and the talk came more clearly over the wires. Thereafter it was different.

As he put two and two together the officer doled out the situation. He gathered from Mr. Garnett that the machine to which he referred was an automobile, also called a motor car; that it was a Maxwell make and that its number was 2377; that it had been stolen, purloined, carried away, nicked, pilfered, by parties not known at that time.

JOHNSON SAYS HE WROTE CARD

Cat and Dog Postal Prepared as Joke, and Not as Campaign Literature.

Voluntary revelation of the authorship of the somewhat profane campaign cards made the subject of criticism by Representative W. A. Jones in his speech at Petersburg on Tuesday night has come to the headquarters of Senator Thomas S. Martin. Robert P. Johnson, a well known business man of Wytheville, has written to the effect that he had the cards pointed, and that he alone is responsible for their distribution.

The inscription read as follows: "Jones and Glass have as much chance for election as a celluloid dog chasing an asbestos cat in hell."

Mr. Johnson says that he had the cards printed in Roanoke, securing the idea from another source. He did this merely as a joke, intending to hand the cards to his own friends and those of Senators Martin and Swanson, and not to use them in any sense as campaign material. But few of them, he says, left his possession.

To Representative H. D. Flood, who was at one time attributed responsibility for these cards, but Mr. Jones disclaimed any reference to Mr. Flood in this connection. Friends of the First District candidate have prepared for circulation cards with a somewhat similar wording, but intended instead to help the cause of Jones and Glass. Manager Garnett, of the Virginia Democratic League, has discouraged their use, and has destroyed those left at his office.

BIG GROWTH IN PROFITS

Railroad Shows 1,632 Per Cent. Increase in Net Earnings.

Showing the enormous increase of 1,632 per cent. in net earnings as compared with the same month last year, the report of the business of the Georgia and Florida Railway for the month of July has just been issued. In that month in 1910 the gross earnings were \$43,634, and the operating expenses \$42,763, leaving a net balance of only \$871, while for July, 1911, the gross earnings were \$65,932 and the operating expenses \$50,544, making the net earnings \$15,388, a gain of \$14,517, or 1,632 per cent. The gross earnings show an increase of 51 per cent, and the operating expenses of 19 per cent.

John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, is the president of this road.

NEGRO KILLED

Leg Cut Off by Engine and He Dies Later at Hospital.

When he attempted to cross the tracks before a switch engine, Robert H. Palmer, colored, nineteen years old, stumbled and fell last night about 8 o'clock at the Hull Street crossing of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and was caught beneath the wheels. His right leg was severed at the hip. The city ambulance was summoned, and Palmer was taken to the Retreat for the Sick, but loss of blood caused death a few minutes after his arrival there.

VACATION TIME

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— AND —

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Both candidates at each meeting alternately.

Every Day is Labor Day

With most of us. If it isn't, it ought to be. Though the average person is busy, yet he is too apt to say, "I haven't got time," when he might say, "I will take time."

TO-DAY IS A LEGAL HOLIDAY, so you HAVE TIME to-day to take a mental inventory of your affairs. Get out a piece of paper and a pencil and do some calculating. If you are spending too much money look at the fact squarely. Decide to remedy it at once.

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